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Participants Announced for Community Memories Project

St. Stephen, NB – The Charlotte County Museum, together with The Chocolate Museum, announced today 34 local citizens have been selected to be interviewed and recorded as part of the “Community Memories” project.

“The goal of this project is to record interviews with people who can share their stories and memories of life in St. Stephen, Milltown and our surrounding communities,” said Sarah Goulding, Manager/Director of The Chocolate Museum. “All the interviews will be completed over the next six months and will be aired on CHCO-TV, and then saved and archived for future use.”

Volunteers from both museums met with people from the Town of St. Stephen, the BIA, and other organizations who were able to suggest names of people to be included in the project.

“After we formed the initial list, we turned to the public and received more names and suggestions,” added Goulding. From there, she said that the list of over 70 people was narrowed down to around 30 people for the project. “It wasn’t easy,” laughed Goulding, “we really wanted to film everyone right away but we had to be realistic about the time, volunteers and resources that we had.”

The names announced today include nineteen people who have already been contacted and who have agreed to participate. “There are thirteen additional people who still need to be confirmed, as well as a two who did not feel comfortable being filmed but who will still be interviewed,” added Goulding.

The confirmed participants in the Community Memories Project (in no particular order) are:

- 1) Allan Gillmor
- 2) Elva Hatt
- 3) Bill Eagan
- 4) Paul Sweeney
- 5) David Ganong
- 6) Harry Vanstone
- 7) Duncan and Florence McGeachy
- 8) Jim Maxwell
- 9) Charlie Monahagn
- 10) Tony Reader
- 11) Jackie Bateman
- 12) Bob Brown
- 13) Doug Hansen
- 14) Dr. Tom Goulding
- 15) Dr. Perry Spencer
- 16) Peter Heelis
- 17) Peter Fitch
- 18) Maria Kulcher
- 19) Al Corbett

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The next step will be to hold preliminary interviews with each person. Following this, on-camera interviews will be conducted and aired on CHCO-TV. More information on the interviews, and details about when people can watch the interviews, will be released in the near future.

“Our volunteers are working hard to bring this project together, and the community can rest assured that more information will be released as soon as we have the details,” said Goulding. “Meanwhile, we encourage people to reach out to either the Chocolate Museum or the Charlotte County Museum with any questions about this project.”

“Community Memories: Capturing the History of St. Stephen” is a joint project between the Charlotte County Museum and The Chocolate Museum. This initiative is made possible by the Community Fund for Canada’s 150th, a collaboration between Fundy Community Foundation, the Government of Canada, and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast.

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